



**Placer County  
Sheriff's Office  
2010 Annual Report**



# Message from the Sheriff

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. We live in such interesting times. Recently the US Supreme Court ordered the State of California to release about 50,000 inmates over the next two years. At the same time, the State of California is gearing up for what they call realignment. There are many ways I could describe what I believe realignment is, but for the annual report it means the County will be responsible for housing more inmates who would have gone to state prison and supervising more inmates who would have been on parole.

One of the interesting things I have learned in my 37+ years with the Sheriff's Office is a small number of people commit a large number of crimes, and we (local public safety) have done a tremendous job in the past of dealing with that small population. The end result has been a safe county, a great place to live, work and raise a family. These changes will make our job more difficult.

As we issue this report to look back on the accomplishments of the past year I feel optimistic to address the challenges ahead. We have built a culture within the Sheriff's Office and within the local public safety community of teamwork and working together to get the job done. That manner of doing business will be ever so important as we continue to strive to keep our community safe - and I did say I was optimistic, because I am aware of the incredible quality and professionalism of the men and women who work for the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

At the recent Peace Officers Memorial I looked up at the Supreme Court building in Sacramento and on the wall was inscribed "Give me men to match my mountains." You can find them here.



**Edward N. Bonner**  
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall



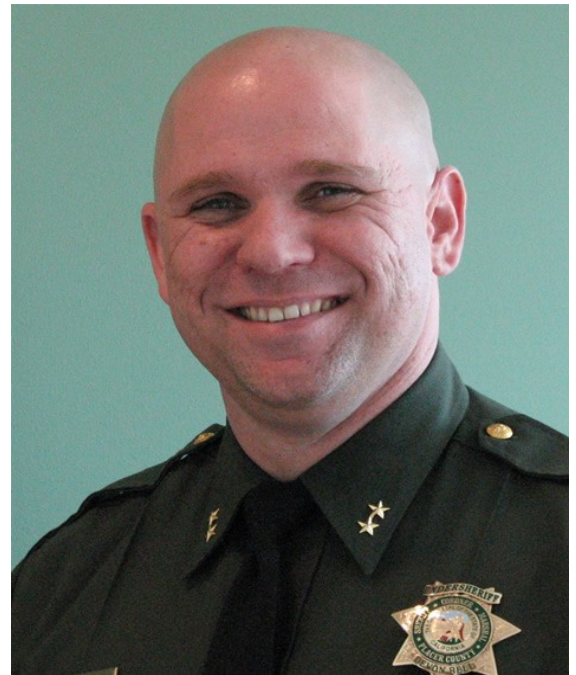
*Edward N. Bonner*

On December 28, 2010, Sheriff Bonner was sworn in for his fifth term as Sheriff of Placer County by Lisa Cramer of the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office.

# Office of the Undersheriff

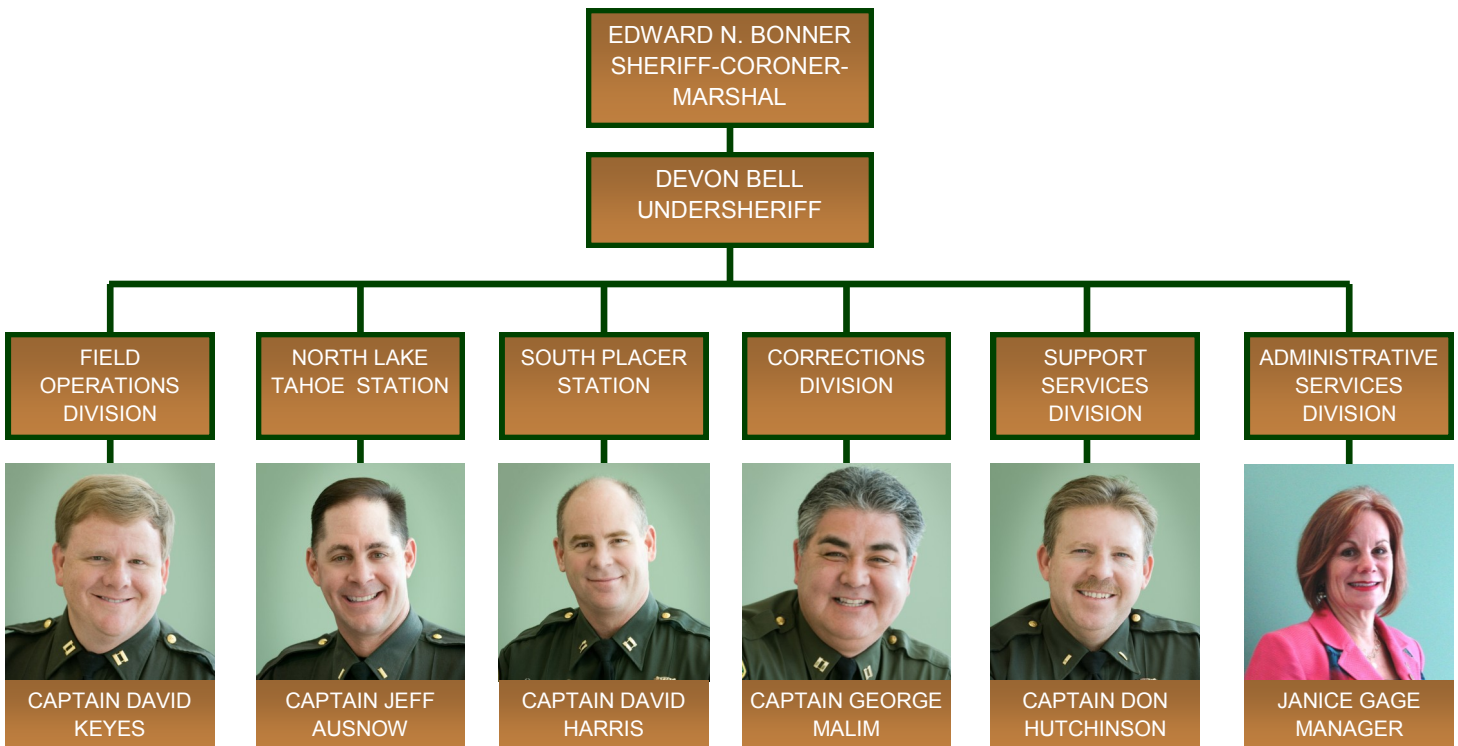
The past few years have been difficult ones for our country, our state and our county. 2010 continues to be a year of big challenges and transition. The State of California continues to struggle with a budget deficit and the reduction of and realignment of services. This has translated to reduced resources and increased responsibilities to each of the counties. Placer County has felt these impacts as resources diminish and service models are redefined.

The Sheriff's Office has been in a constant state of flux as well. We have endeavored to be good stewards of our resources and provide the most efficient and effective level of service given the current climate. What has remained constant in these tumultuous times is the professionalism, pride and spirit of service of the men and women of the Placer County Sheriff's Office and I am proud of their efforts.



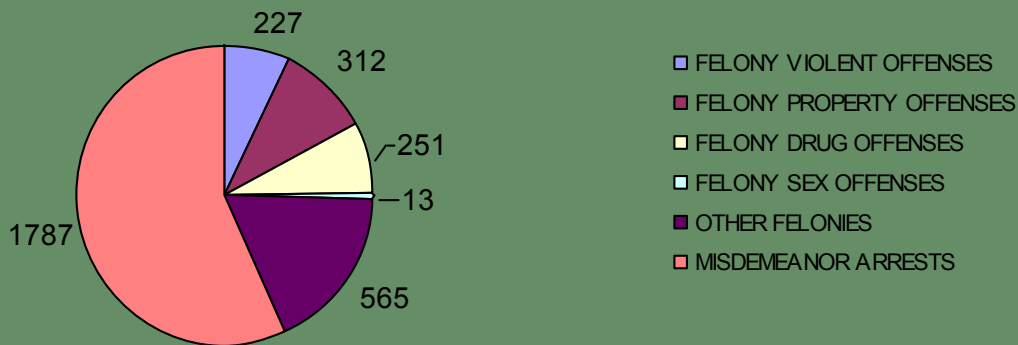
**Devon Bell**  
Undersheriff

## 2010 Command Staff



# Statistical Information

## 2010 Arrests



Dispatchers received **75,149** calls for service in 2010, which is an average of **206** calls per day

Deputies responded to **59,929** calls in 2010, which is a daily average of **164** calls

A total of **1,368** felony arrests were made in 2010

## Air Operations Unit

In 2010, the Sheriff Office's helicopter flew a total of 362 hours. The pilot and tactical flight officer responded to 190 calls for service and participated in making 48 arrests. They flew search and rescue operations that ended in the rescue of three citizens.



Transportation Deputies Martin Ervin and Dan Coe

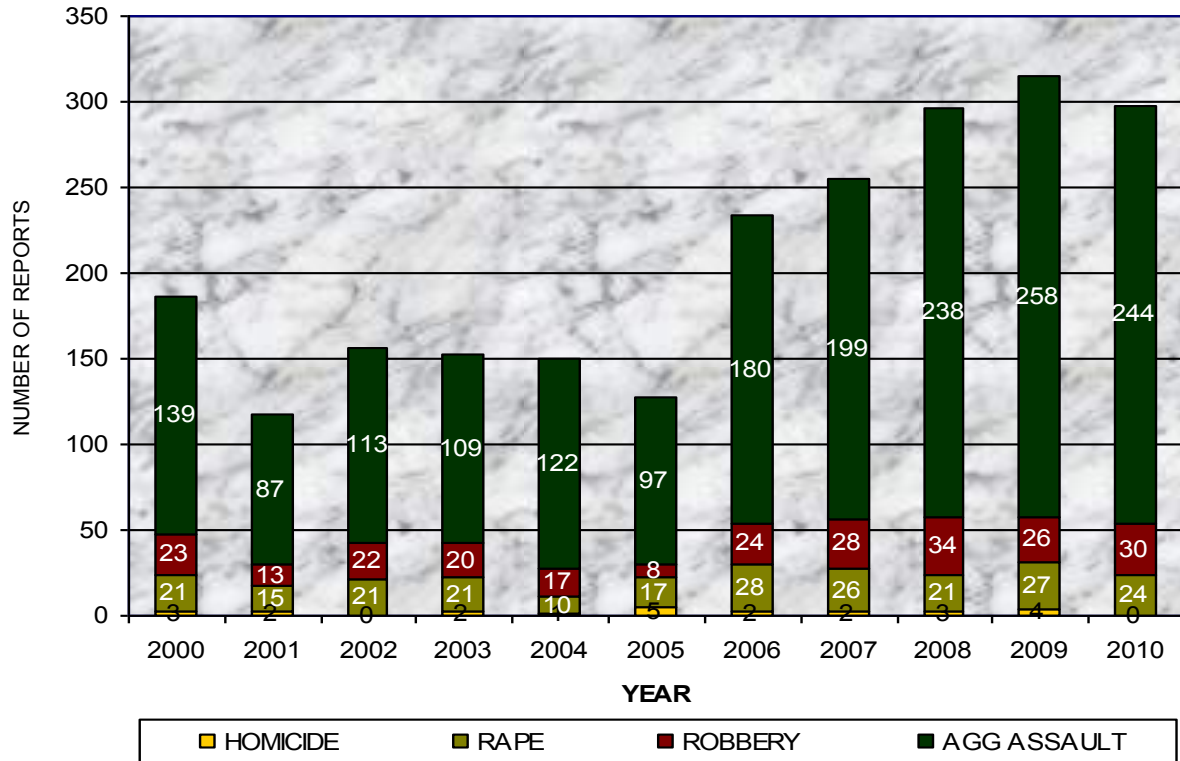
## Jail Transportation Unit

Transportation deputies are responsible for the safe delivery of inmates to court appearances, other correctional facilities and medical appointments. In fiscal year 2009-2010, they drove a total of 148,452 miles transporting inmates.

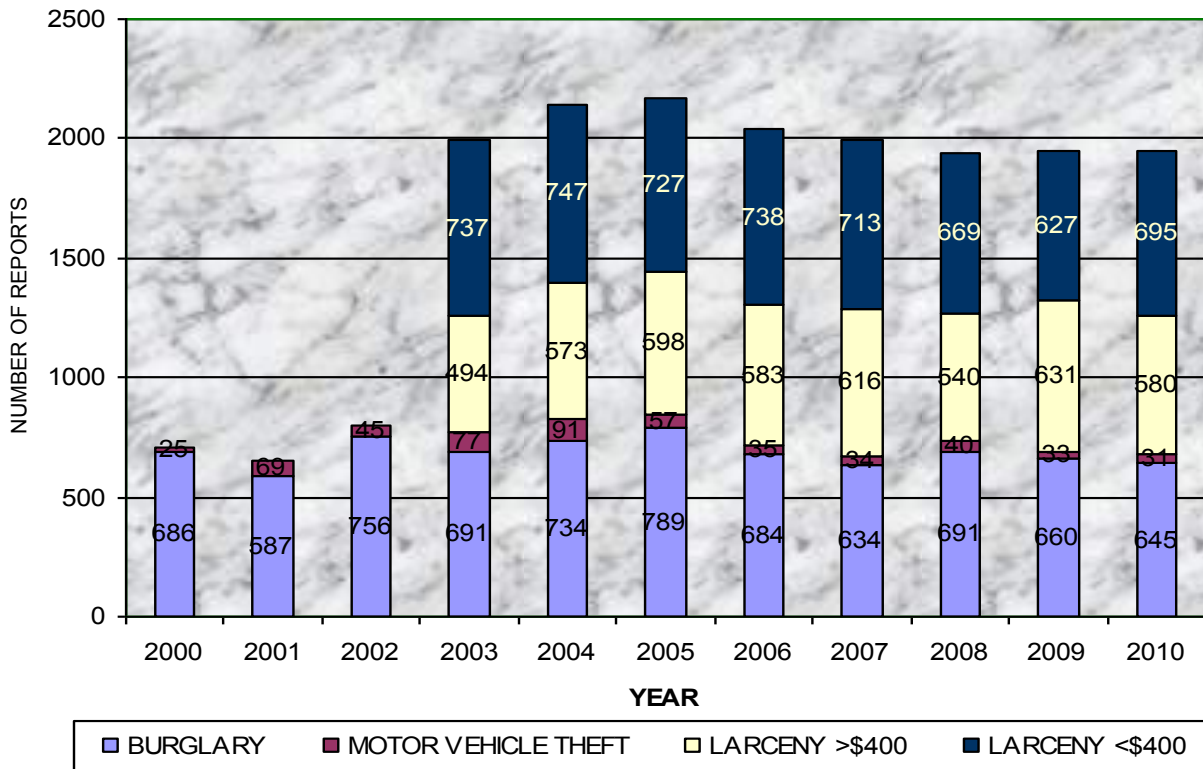
A total of 5,190 inmates required the services of the transportation unit. Within the county, inmates were driven to the Bill Santucci Justice Center, the Historic Courthouse in Auburn and to the Juvenile Hall. Other trips included state prisons, a state hospital and other county jails. Of the 27 inmates requiring extradition, 12 were to other states.



## VIOLENT CRIMES



## PROPERTY CRIMES



# Administrative Services

In 2010, longtime Administrative Services Manager Barbara Besana retired from the Sheriff's Office. Her successor, Janice Gage, brought with her many years of county experience. Janice is responsible for the fiscal and budgetary operations of the Sheriff's Office. Her duties include contracts

and grants administration; centralized financial operations of the department including payroll and leave management, general accounting and purchasing; human resources administration; and development and oversight of the department's gross budget of \$93.6 million annually.



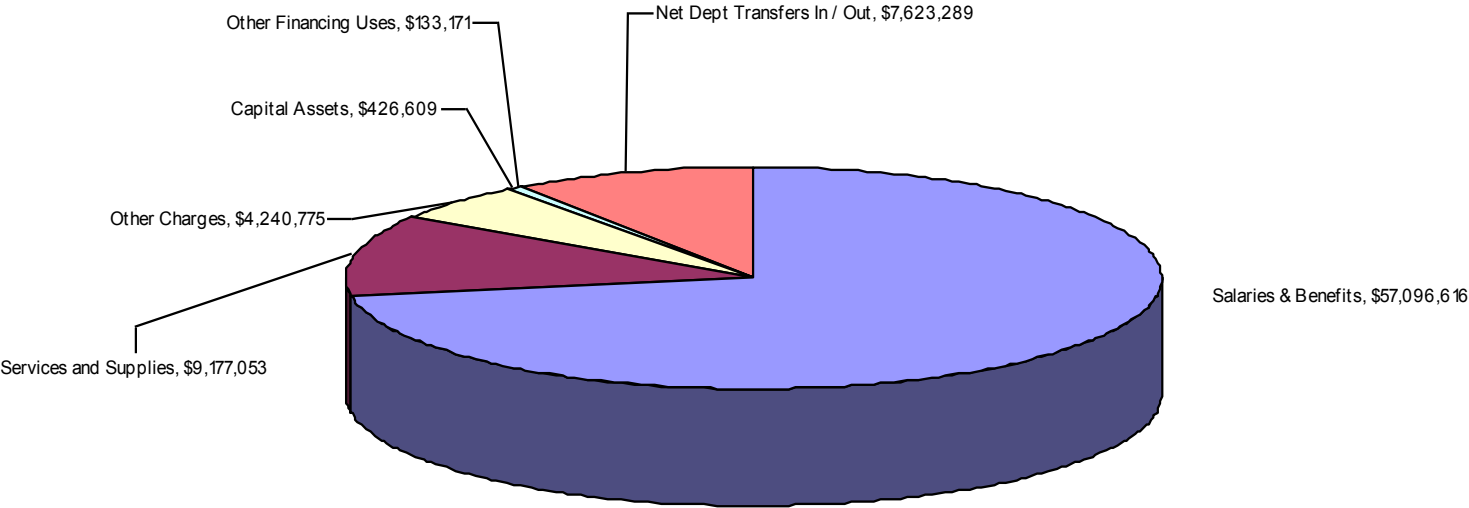
**Janice Gage**  
Administrative Services Manager

In 2010, the Sheriff's Office had **464** approved job allocations, **415** of which were filled by paid employees

During fiscal year 2010/11, a total of **71** background investigations were completed on potential employees and volunteers

During fiscal year 2010/11, the Sheriff's Office hired **16** paid employees, to include **5** deputy sheriffs and **7** correctional officers

**Placer County Sheriff's Office FY 2009-10 Actual Expenditures**  
**Actual Expenditures = \$78,697,513**



# Corrections

Construction of the new South Placer Jail neared 70 percent completion at the end of 2010. The state-of-the-art facility is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2012.

Upon completion of the first phase, there will be 390 beds, 270 of which will be celled and 120 will be minimum security. There will also be a new central kitchen. All of the jail's infrastructure – administrative areas, kitchen, medical unit, booking and staff spaces - are sized for eventually holding a total of 980 inmates. The new facility is designed to LEED silver standards for a "green" building.



Upper left: Architectural drawing of the completed facility; lower left and above: Actual photos of the ongoing construction

# North Lake Tahoe



**Captain Jeff Ausnow**  
North Lake Tahoe Commander

It was my honor to take command of the North Tahoe Station in October of 2010. Getting to know and work with the 43 dedicated deputies and professional staff has truly been a pleasure. We are all working hard as a team to live up to our station motto, "Law Enforcement at its Best."

Since October, we have restructured portions of our operation and focused our resources to better serve the public. These changes included a Spanish-speaking community services officer working from a donated office space at the Kings Beach Elementary School and an extra help deputy sheriff working as a school resource officer at North Tahoe Middle School. Additionally, we hosted a bicycle rodeo which was very well attended and over 150 bicycle safety helmets were given to local children.

In these tough financial times, public safety is faced with severe budget cuts. One of my goals has been to improve our community partnerships with local businesses and

organizations. We have made great progress so far and future goals would include working closely with the community to help identify needs and find funding for services/projects that have been affected by budget cuts. By cultivating these relationships, we will be working together as a team toward a better community.



Tahoe Lieutenant John Weaver and Captain Jeff Ausnow



# Mothers Against Drunk Driving 2010 Awards

Deputies Brian Harris and Scott Byers were recognized by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for their outstanding efforts to remove impaired drivers from the roads of Placer County in 2010. Harris made 75 DUI arrests while Byers arrested 15. All Placer County deputies put effort into stopping this crime that has taken far too many lives.

In 2010, deputies removed **330** impaired drivers from our roadways



Deputy Brian Harris



Deputy Scott Byers

## 10851 Awards

In a seven-month span of 2010, Placer County Sheriff's deputies and detectives arrested dozens of car thieves and closed down "chop shops," where stolen vehicles are broken down for parts. The deputies with the highest number of arrests were bestowed "10851" awards by the California Highway Patrol. The 10851 designation is from the California Penal Code for vehicle theft.

Those deputies and the number of arrests they made are: Brian Harris, 3, Scott Dow, 3, Sgt. Pat Piazza, 3, Ed Leighton, 2, Gregory McKenzie, 6, Ryan West, 2, and Daniel Meier, 2. Combined, these deputies recovered 36 stolen vehicles.

## Cemetery Vandalism



In November of 2010, the Manzanita Cemetery near Lincoln suffered massive damage after a late-night vandalism spree. About 150 tombstones were turned over, pulled out of the ground or broken into pieces. Some of the tombstones were more than 100 years old. All told, damages exceeded \$1 million.

Placer County Crime Stoppers offered a reward for information leading to an arrest or arrests. A tipster, who remained anonymous, called Crime Stoppers which led sheriff's detectives to make three arrests. The three young men are awaiting trial.





# Youth and Community Services

Six Placer County Sheriff's deputies serve as School Resource Officers and cover 28 schools in the county's unincorporated area. They provide more than just a law enforcement presence on campus - they are very involved in campus security. SRO's also provide education to staff and students on many subjects including cyber-bullying and substance abuse. They provide security at school sporting and social events and some even assist in coaching sports. In 2010, Placer County Sheriff's SRO's served a total of 14,487 students.

Another part of youth and community services is the POP, or "problem-oriented policing" unit. POP officers

continue to work with code enforcement and patrol to target and solve problems in the community and dealing with public and private property issues. In 2010, the unit succeeded in closing down or cleaning up many nuisance properties. POP officers participate in many ongoing projects in addition to many new problems that develop daily.

Community Services also works as a law enforcement liaison with the Township of Loomis to provide law enforcement for safety and special events.

## Community Services Officers



CSO Shannon Herdegen

Shannon Herdegen is Placer County Sheriff's first Field Community Services Officer. In 2010, Shannon responded to 367 calls for service and wrote approximately 300 reports. With Shannon handling "cold" reports, where there is no known suspect, field deputies were freed up to handle in-progress calls and were able to be more proactive. Shannon also responds to scenes to assist deputies in fingerprinting and evidence collection. She also trains volunteers in report writing.

There are two Community Services Officers that work out of the North Lake Tahoe station and three in the remainder of the county. CSO's participate in dozens of community events. For the second year in a row, PCSO placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the National Night Out award program for jurisdictions of 300,000 or more. National Night Out is an annual gathering of Neighborhood Watch groups, an event organized by and attended by CSO's.

CSO's also participate in fairs and host two community awareness academies per year.

## Volunteer Program

Placer County Sheriff's Office volunteers put in 7,646 hours in 2010. They conducted 701 vacation checks and represented the department in more than 25 community events.

Under the direction of Deputy Victoria Skellenger, volunteers conducted 47 vehicle abatements and staffed

high-profile events such as the Century Bike Ride, the Eggplant Festival, the Del Oro Band Spectacular, several parades and more.

In 2010, office and administrative volunteers served 3,885 hours. Patrol volunteers served 3,440 hours and special event volunteers worked 321 hours.

# Placer County Sheriff's Council

The Placer County Sheriff's Council was created in 2004 by founding member Sean Lehmann, who saw the need for more equipment and updated equipment than was supplied by a shrinking government budget. Since then, the council has grown into a large and dedicated group of business and community leaders concerned with maintaining top-notch public safety services in Placer County.

Donations made to the Sheriff's Council are directed to the procurement of systems and devices that enhance the safety and well-being of deputies, as well as the community. One-hundred percent of each donation goes directly toward assisting the Sheriff's Council in achieving that goal.

In 2010, Granite Bay resident Chris Altobell was elected president of the Placer County Sheriff's Council. Under Chris's leadership, the council has more members than ever.



Since its inception, the Sheriff's Council has purchased the following:

- Ballistic shields
- Tasers
- Honor Guard uniforms
- Pepperball gun systems
- Tactical flashlights
- Night-vision scope

**"It's time  
to give  
something  
back..."**



Placer County Sheriff's Council  
President Chris Altobell

Also in 2010, the council held its first-ever Community Health and Safety Expo at Del Oro High School. Community members who attended witnessed demonstrations by many Sheriff's Office special teams. The council hopes that this event will grow with each passing year so that more citizens will become aware of the services provided by the men and women of the Placer County Sheriff's Office. More information about the council can be found at [www.sheriffscouncil.com](http://www.sheriffscouncil.com).

## Health & Safety Fair at Del Oro High School



CSO Katrina Kane with Search and Rescue  
volunteer team members



Kids had fun with members of the Dive Team while  
learning about water safety



Sheriff Bonner with Deputy  
Dow and his K9 partner Furst



# Sheriff's Mission Statement

The mission of the Placer County Sheriff's Department is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit.

This will be accomplished through safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships, preventing crime and resolving those crimes that do occur.

We are also responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined within our jail facilities. Other duties include those of marshal, security of the courts and efficient investigation of coroner cases.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.



## Sheriff's Core Values

We will constantly strive to meet the highest standards of ***honesty*** and ***integrity***.

We have ***pride*** in ourselves and take ***ownership*** of our work.

All Department members will treat each other with ***dignity***, ***courtesy***, and ***respect***, regardless of position or assignment. This leads to identical treatment of the public we serve.

We are ***involved*** in our ***community*** and seek to become a part of the world we serve.

We will achieve ***professional*** performance through continual ***training***, ***education***, and ***commitment*** to our duties.

Management and subordinates are mutually ***accountable*** for their performance.

There will be no tolerance for criminal misconduct by Department members, on or off-duty. Such conduct will ***consistently*** be presented for legal review.



### **Main Office**

Auburn Justice Center  
2929 Richardson Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603  
Phone: (530) 889-7800

### **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 6990  
Auburn, CA 95604

### **South Placer Substation**

6140 Horseshoe Bar Road  
Loomis, CA 95650  
Phone: (916) 652-2400

### **North Lake Tahoe Substation**

2501 North Lake Boulevard  
Tahoe City, CA 96145  
Phone: (530) 581-6300

[www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff](http://www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff)

EST. 1851

### **Editor**

Dena Erwin,  
Public Information Officer

### **Photography**

PIO Dena Erwin  
Deputy Victoria Skellenger  
Captain David Keyes

### **Layout and Graphics**

Christine Simmons